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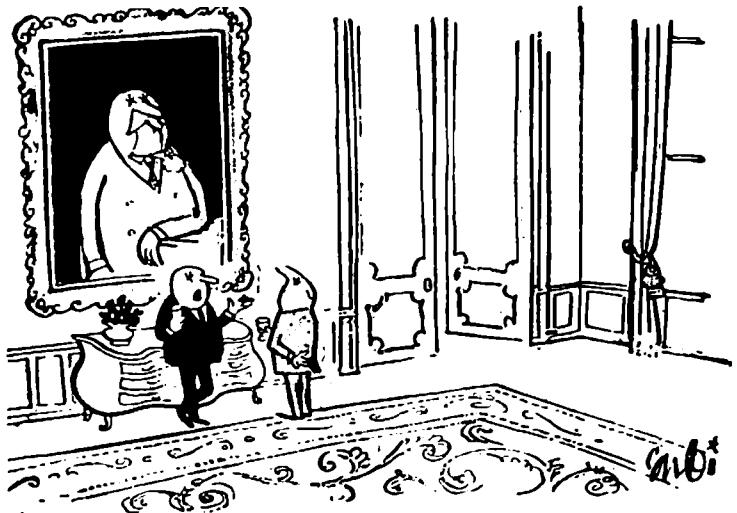
**Paris.** On the eve of the FLN negotiations, General de Gaulle made a sibylline telecast, whose imagery has sparked a thousand cartoons: "It is only natural that we feel a nostalgia for what was once the Empire, just as we can regret the softness of oil lamps, the splendor of sailing ships, the charm of the days of carriages. But what then?" However, his defense of his Delphic formula, "an Algerian Algeria," left him stranded in the rapidly shrinking Center. For the Left, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber editorialized in the Mendésiste *L'Express*: "It is very probable that the summer of 1960 will be a memorable date in the History of France. Before October, the knot will in one way or another be cut. [Through the decision on Algeria,] power will pass unambiguously to the Army—or the People. . . . To fight and win this decisive battle, there is not an ally too many, not an effort that can be neglected. We must be ready, even more than in the time of Nazism (for Nazism was—because of its inevitably destined military defeat—provisional) to accept, to seek out, all alliances—the Communist included." One hundred twenty-five leaders of the Right—among them ex-Premiers Georges Bidault and Maurice Bourgès-Maunoury, along with Robert Lacoste, Jacques Soustelle, many deputies, professors and businessmen, but with their army allies discreetly absent—gathered for the "Colloquium of Vincennes," and reached the conclusion that "an Algerian Algeria" could only mean an independent, anti-French, and ultimately Soviet-controlled Algeria.

**London.** The Rank Organization (Britain's largest movie producers) and Rediffusion, Ltd. (one of the independent television operators) are going ahead with plans for "slot meter" (pay-as-you-go) TV, both in Britain and overseas, as soon as they get official permission. In England many TV sets already use a wired system readily adaptable to pay-TV without costly installation problems.

**Rome.** The headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization is desperately seeking a plan to fight the African horse sickness that suddenly appeared last summer in Afghanistan and Pakistan, has since spread to most of the Near East, and is expected to jump soon into southeastern Europe. In Africa the horse sickness—which also affects donkeys and mules—is checked by frosts (which kill the insect carrier) and historically acquired immunity. Without these natural hindrances, the disease is devastating the Near East animal population, on which human food production depends. In south Iran about half the animals are infected, with mortality running at 90 per cent. Dispatches from Iraq describe land littered with dead and dying horses like a cavalry battlefield.

**Geneva.** The European press has pointedly remarked the warm relations that exist between the Castro and Nasser regimes. Many Europeans believe that there is a close parallel between the Nasserian revolution in Egypt and

Castro's revolution in Cuba. Substituting the United States for Britain, Eisenhower for Anthony Eden, and the oil refinery for the Suez Canal expropriation, they see the present conjuncture as analogous to that which led Eden to attempt the *coup de Suez*. Even conservatives and anti-Communists in Britain and France cannot suppress a grin at how history has managed to spill Mr. Eisenhower's Suez pieties into his lap.



*"I inherited his heart so full of goodness and compassion, his greatness of soul, his feeling for humanity, his profound and admirable courage, and his lousy hundred or so million!"*

**La Paz.** Throughout the world, the Trotskyite organizations—after 33 years of outcast existence—are getting together again with the official Muscovite Communists. In most nations, the Trotskyists are too few to matter. But in three or four countries their quality and training as well as numbers mean a sharp strengthening of Moscow's subversion power: in Ceylon, where the fusion process was first observed some months ago; Viet Nam, where reunion preceded the new drive against Ngo Dinh Diem; Japan, where initial steps toward reunion paid off in the anti-Eisenhower riots; France, where the small but able Trotskyite group is indispensable to the new United Front on the Algerian question; and in Bolivia, where the Trotskyite leader, Juan Lechin, boss of Bolivian labor and the radical section of the peasantry, has just been elected Vice President, and will be the real power in as well as outside the new government. Thus Lechin's largely accomplished internal revolution in Bolivia, which has been financed by a quarter of a billion dollars from Washington, will now be placed at the Kremlin's disposition.

**Géryville, Algeria.** On a typical day (July 7) during the FLN negotiations with French representatives at Melun in France, FLN terrorists in this region kidnapped and cut the throats of twelve Arab men (seven of them village councillors), one Arab woman, and two Arab children, all civilians, none of them personally involved with either side of the civil war.

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